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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos 1, 2, 8670

Part B for July 1913

SUBJECT

Petition of the Pensioners of the 2nd Queen's Own Sappers & Miners regarding the land of Mariamma's Temple, Bangalore city

1) From the 1st Asst Resident in Mysore no 2757 dt 6-5-11 forwards a copy of letter from the Genl Officer Commanding Troops, Bangalore, enclosing a memorial from Genl Pensioners of the 2nd Queen's Own Sappers & Miners, praying that Orders may be issued directing that the Mariamma Temple with its vast compound does not belong to the Makan adjoining the Temple & that permission may be granted to erect compound walls around the Temple

2) To the Presidt Bangalore city mil Council, no 984 dt 27-5-11 forwarding G.B.S. 958 of 1911 for early report.

GPB-4,000-4-7-11

3) From the Presidt. mil Council Bangalore city, no 336 dt 18-6 Reports that in the absence of any documentary evi-

to show the disputed [illegible] by the memorialists as belonging to the temple, any settlement is now [illegible] between the two parties and that the case seems to be a matter of a civil nature.

(9) To the Petitioners no 829 dt 19-7-13 informing them that the complaint is of a civil nature

To Presidr. and Cl. Bangalore city, no 830 dt 19-7-13 forwards copy of 8(9)

(10) To the 1st Asst Resident no 601 609 dt 19-7-13 forwards the endorsement for favour of directing its delivery to the Petitioners concerned

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Municipal)

NOTES.

File No. 336-10

FILE HEADING.

Petition of the pensioners of the 2d Queen's own Sappers and Miners regarding the land of the Mariamman's Temple in the Bangalore city.

From

The 1st Assistant Resident in Mysore.

No. 2757 Dated 6. 5. 11 Received 9. 5. 11

Diary No. 7229 | Enclos 4 | Spare Copies | Serial No /

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for disposal a copy of letter from the Genl. Officer Commanding, Troops, Bangalore enclosing a memorial from several pensioners of the 2d Queen's own Sappers and Miners praying that orders may be issued directing that the Mariamman's temple with its west compound does not belong to the Umrakan opposing the temple and that the permission may be granted to erect compound walls around the temple

NOTES AND ORDERS

2. The Mariamman's temple is situated behind the Public Bungalow belonging to Mr. K. Ramaswamy Iyengar, Dy. Superintendent of Rev Survey in the 14th Street of Chamarajapet Extension Lawyer Mr Sadasiva Iyengar who represented by the petitioners is the

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Serial No.

Copy of Mr H. Ramaswamy Iyengar.

3 Submitted with draft forwarding the petition to the President of the Bangalore Municipal Council for a detailed report in the matter [illegible] 1st Cr.) 19-5-11 Mlle

19-5-11.

4 Approved. Please see that a reply is received within proper time. [illegible] 4

5 Issue 26-5-11 Mlle

2. To the Pres[t], Bangalore City Municipal Council. No. 9844 827-5-1911.

Forwards S[l] No 1 for early report.

From the above officer No. 518 29 8 1911

States that the records connected with the case have been sent to the Chief Court and that on their receipt an enquiry would be made into the matter and a further report submitted in due course

Submitted for orders.

The report may be awaited. -

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7. From the President. 9nd Council Bangalore cdy No. 336 d. 18.6.12 (D 8078) Reports that in the absence of any documentary evidence to show the actual extent of land that may be claimed by the Memorialists as belonging to the temple, any settlement between the 2 parties is not possible and that the Case seems to be rather of a civil nature

8 Non-requirement referred to in para 3 of the paper under disposal is probably the petitioner in the above Case in which a report is due from the President as to the petitioner's right to a mango tope The President has promised to submit a report after the receipt of the records from the Lower Court where the Case is pending

9 As the Case is of a civil nature I put cannot interfere If approved an endorsement to

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	This appeal may be sent to the petitioners through the Residency
10	Submit for orders with draft
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	Dy draft of the letter may be further approved
12	Draft submitted as directed
	DS 69
	7/7/13
13	Dfreq)
	The matter about which the petns have addressed the High Court is reference and disputes. Hence the draft endorsement, stating to the Residency may be approved.
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Draft approved by Secretary & the Registrar

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Submitted to His Highness

under 14 The First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident forwarded, for disposal, with his letter No.2757 dated 6th May 1911, a letter from the General Officer Commanding Troops, Bangalore, enclosing a memorial from several pensioners of the 2nd Queen's Own Sappers and Miners in the matter of their claim to a Mariamma temple and lands situated in the old Pioneercherry of the Bangalore City

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2 The memorial was forwarded to the President of the Bangalore City Municipal Council for report in the General and Revenue Secretary's letter No 9844 dated 27th May 1911.

do – no. II 3 In his letter No 336 dated 18th June 1913, the President has reported on the case

4 The President states that the memorialists were called upon to produce documents, if any, to shew what extent of land was allotted for the Mariamma temple originally, and when, but that they stated in reply that they had no documents in the matter On the other hand, the care-taker of the Makan which is situated close to the Mariamma temple, who was sent for and examined, has stated that the building referred to by the memorialists is not a temple, but a Mantap built by the Makan people for the convenience of the Indian disciples of the Makan and for the purpose of singing hymns, &c , by them, that an idol was set up in it by the memorialists some 4 or 5 years ago, and that the present complaint is made to defame and cause loss to him, &c.

5. The President states that the statements o memorialists and the care-taker of the Makan are t

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contradictory and unreliable, and that in the absence of any documentary evidence to shew the actual extent of land that may be claimed by the memorialists as belonging to the temple any settlement of the dispute between the two parties is not possible. He adds that the case seems to be rather of a civil nature and does not admit of settlement in his office

6 It is now proposed to inform the memorialists, through the Residency, that the complaint is of a civil nature and that the Government cannot interfere in the matter

7. As, however, the memorial is addressed to His Highness the Maharaja and has been received through the Residency, I submit the papers for information The two drafts herewith submitted may be approved

for

M. V. Viswanadha
15th July 1913

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Memorial of certain pensioners of the 2nd Queen's Own Sappers and Miners regarding their claim to a Mariamma temple and lands situated in the old Pioneer-cherry, Bangalore City.

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Order.

15 Approved

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	17 Draft approved by the Dewan and His Highness Dewan 17/7/13
9	18 To Municipal & other Institutions No. 829 d 19.7.13 Inform them that the complaint is of a civil nature
10	Mg. President and Council Bangalore City No. 830 d 19.7.13 Forward Copy of cl. 9 20 To Asst A.R. No. Fol 60 d 19.7.13 Forward the undermentioned for favor of directing the delivery to the petitioners concerned

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From

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P. B. WARBURTON, Esq., I. C. S.,

FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

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To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 6th May 1911

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Manjundayya's letter No.11290/L.F.28-1902, dated the 3rd Februayy 1903, regarding the grant of certain building sites in the Bangalore City, I am directed to forward herewith, for favour of disposal, the accompanying letter from the General Officer Commanding, Troops, Bangalore, enclosing a memorial, from several pensioners of the 2nd Queen's Own Sappers and Miners on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

P B Warburton

First Assistant Resident.

No. 2758

Copy forwarded to the General Staff Officer, Bangalore, for the information of the General Officer Commanding, with reference to his letter No.4479, dated the 26th April 1911.

Sd. P B Warburton

First Assistant Resident.

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B. P B.—21-1-1911.—4,000.

Letter No 4479, dated the 26th April 1911, from the --- General Officer Commanding, Troops, Bangalore, to the First Assistant Resident in Mysore

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I have the honour to forward the attached petition from several pensioners, late of the 2nd (Q O) Sappers and Miners, received from the Commandant, 2nd (Q O) Sappers and Miners for favourable consideration

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C o p y

Head Clerk,
for Registrar,
Resident's Office

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In the Name of Almighty, the Most Merciful and Gracious

To

His Highness

The MAHARAJA of MYSORE, G. C. S. I.,

The possessor of all the auspicious good dispositions, the infinite Lakshmi's Presence, having the power to feed and support destitutes and dependents and the strength of Mount Maha Meru, and possessor of a Sea of Knowledge—who is adorned with all good qualities

The modest Memorial of the poor Pensioners of the 2nd "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, the late Inhabitants of the Old Sapper Lines, near the Fort, Bangalore City

Most Humbly Sheweth

1 That the grand fathers and parents of the undermentioned poor Petitioners of His Highness, were dwelling in the above named Old Sapper Lines from the years 1830 to 1890, A D The deceased Mr Nagesa Row, the then Amildar in the Bangalore City in the year 1890, having had sent for us and our parents, enquired us how many years we had been dwelling for as inhabitants in the old Sapper Lines, and our reply was that from the time of our Fore fathers adding that the ground was given to us in the time of the late **Sri Krishna Rajendra Wudayar Bahadur, the Maharaja of Mysore, G C. S I**

2 On our having given him the required information, he revealed us that the Municipality had required our Dwelling places for the erection of Mandi Bazaars, *viz*, TARACU PETI and in place of our old Premises, a vacant piece of land, situated just about a furlong from the M I S Lines would have been measured, plotted and given to us for the construction of our new houses, with a promise that a new site for a Temple in the room of the present **Mariamman s Temple** would also be given, for which nothing has been done up to date After a length of time elapsed the late Mr Nagesa Rao having taken no notice of the promised Vacant Land to be given to us, we have already mentioned about the same in the Memorial, dated June 1901, (Para II) sent by us to **Sir P N Krishna Murthi K C I E, the late Dewan of Mysore,** through our Commanding Officer of the 'Q O Sappers and Miners, and another again duly endorsed by Major B B Russell, R E, to the Honble Resident in Mysore then the Dewan was very kind enough to transfer our Memorial to Mr Narrain Row, the Dy Commissioner, ordering him to investigate the matter thoroughly with option of complying our earnest request He then sent a letter to Colonel S Grant R L our Commanding Officer, requesting him to send for us to be present at the office of the City Municipality, accordingly we all the pensioners presented ourselves at the place mentioned above and the Deputy Commissioner ordered us to follow him to the Old Sapper Lines, as soon as reached the place, he consulted with us and repeated the same words mentioned by the late Mr Nagesa Row but spoke not a word about the land promised for the erection of the **Mariamman s Temple**

3 On Friday the 11th June 1909, a Mahomedan, a Fakir Peer Saib, the caretaker of **Makhan**, adjoining our Temple chopped 12 large & big branches of a huge Banian tree (**Alamaram**) opposite the above said **Mariamman s Temple** without our knowledge and those living there, the branches cut off by him would have fetched to the weight of about one **Waggon** load While he hewed those branches of the said tree the following parties, *viz*, Andalamma, widow of the late Sapper Barthasarathy, Pensioned Private

Agambaram and Dorasawmy questioned him as to why he was chopping down all those branches of the tree and from whom he had permission to do so, because, the said Banian tree belongs apparenty to the said **Mariamman's Temple** Fakeer Peer Saib replied that he had the permission to have those branches cut down, from Lawyer Seshadri Iyengar, who is put up in front of the said temple No sooner he had them chopped as blocks of wood than he loaded and carted to the market for sale This information was given to us after 3 days elapsed and then we, four pensioners in the Cantonment, went on the spot to find out the truth, met the said Fakeer Peer Saib, and owing to the iniquitous conduct of Mahomedans, asked him very politely who gave him orders to misbehave in cutting down the branches of the Temple tree He replied to that effect, with a dreadful loudly angry tone that "**Mariamman's Temple** ascertainably belongs to the Makhan and not at all to you people We in reply told him "What you know of this temple and since when you have joined the Makan, continuing if Sabtherali Fakir, who was formely in charge of the said Makhan, were alive, he would have given you all the particulars concerning this Temple and you now being a quite stranger to this place know nothing of it and therefore you have so forcibly with impiety hacked the branches of our Temple Tree without our knowledge , then he replied "you people do not effect us to my when joined the Makhan and Lawyer Seshadri Iyengar having given me orders, we both joining together have done our duty and if you people wish to refer the matter into the Court for proper investigation, you people are at liberty to do so and I am not afraid for it Then we asked him to give us his name to file a suit against him For which he questioned us "where have you people been so many days, we said "although we are not in the City, the daily devotions are going on as usual in the Temple and our boys living here are performing Bajanas with music on the nights of every Saturday also reading Puranas, &c , duly in the Temple, by which you must be experienced that this Temple is neither closed nor ruined Then he came to terms with a low voice and requested us to sue a Mohamedan viz, Mohamed Ali who is put up in the City and not against him and on our return we declared on the spot that whosoever that so forcibly cut down the branches of Temple tree, would be issued with summons to appear before the Court for true investigation and after he had been so strictly warned by us, also he cut down an ancient large Tamarind tree into the compound of the Temple on the 1st March 1910, which had a produce every year to the weight of one and a half cart load of Tamarind also it was worth to the weight of three waggons load of wood

VI His Highness poor petitioners further beg to state that after the wars were over in the years 1835 to 1838 between the British and Coorg and Kurnool, the Head Quarters of the 2nd 'Queens Own' Sappers and Miners, arrived at Bangalore near the Fort City and as there were no Church, Temple and Makhan for the Christians, Hindus and Mohamedans respectively, the following late British Officers viz , Colonels, Mayne, Pierce, Rundall and Carpendale R E , were Commanding the Corps, and from whom the following Native Officers, viz , Subadar Major Ali Khan, S B Chokalingam, S B, Subadars Shaik Mullung, Appavoo, Cholay, Amarapathy Shukh Hussain, Moolloorai, Chinnakannoo Munuppa Reddy, Chellappen, Moonuppen, Thandavamurthi, and Arnachalam, Jamadars Adam Khan, Mariannah Iyemperumal Cholay, Rovappen, Chowrimoothoo, Chellakootty, Sumboolingaum, Francis, Michael Murugesem, and Veerappen , Havildar Major Veerasamy, Havildar Moonnoorkhan Naik Pukkiri, Kutwall Mariapillay, Non-Commissioned Officers and Sepoys had the permission and built the Temple and Makhan close to each other without any distinction The late Rev Buckler built St. Joseph's Church Formerly the Christians, Hindus and Mohomedans had no distinction in the Religious matter and during the festivals amongst them they had to mingle together and celebrate the festivals, which festivals are also celebrated in the same manner up-to date in the Corps of "Q O" Sappers & Miners

5 In the year 1875 Fakir Sabtherali who was in charge of the present Makhan included a piece of Temple land measuring 5 feet in breadth throughout the Makhan He was enquired by the late Subadars Thandavaroyan, Anthony, Naik Marimoothoo, Pundaram Vythiyalingam, Venketaram, Alimoothoo, found guilty and ordered at once to quit the Makhan who then reverently begged of them to forgive him on the ~~under~~ condition that he would not any more misbehave in such a manner He was pardoned with a precaution that he should not in future create such a precarious act His Highness poor petitioners feel very sorry for the derogation and decay of the Hindu Temple, and it is an unlawful on the part of the Mahomedans to deprive of the produce and the Hindus Temple land Fakir Peer Saib has misbehaved without the knowledge of the Municipality

6 On giving deep consideration on these illegal acts executed by him, it evidently shews that the late Sabther Ali, Veerammah and one Veerabadra, who lived lately in the said Makhan and the **Mariamman Temple** respectively working inwardly, were the desparate people to cause the **Mariamman Temple** to be included to the Makhan This information can easily be had if an officer is detailed to enquire into the case Also the house now built by Lawyer Seshadri Iyengar, just in front of our Temple, was without compound walls and it is since about one year and a half with compound walls built and he has also deprived of a piece of land, measuring about 10 feet which belonged to our Temple It is also shewn in the enclosed plan and on its inspection it can be evidently proved

7 That the said **Mariamman Temple** had fencing and trees which were removed to open a Road over the Temple and the earth belonging to the Temple ground was also dug up and used for the Road leading to the Chamarajapett This also was reported to Mr Srinivasiengar, the Vice President, who promised that he would get the cost of them sanctioned and given to us which has not been fulfilled up to date

8 HIS HIGHNESS poor petitioners are in a very miserable state and maintain their poor families by daily cooly earning of 2 or 3 Annas and moreover they have no means of appearing to the Court for the settlement of their case Therefore under these deplorable circumstances most obsequiously crave that HIS HIGHNESS will be graciously pleased to issue orders to have HIS HIGHNESS poor petitioners pitiful case properly enquired and to vouchsafe them a final settlement as the Fakir Peer Sub confirms that the **Mariamman Temple** with the vast compound apparently belongs to the Makhan, and pray also His HIGHNESS may be pleased to grant permission to erect compound walls around the Temple

9 Should His Highness also be pleased to vouchsafe in issuing orders to construct a **Marriage Mantapam** for the celebration of wedding &c into the compound of the said Temple in the name of His Highness the poor petitioners shall esteem it in extreme favour which they will ever acknowledge with most gratitude and respect

For which act of Charity His Highness poor petitioners and their families shall as in duty bound ever pray the Supreme Being // Emperumin SRI KRISHNA MURTHI for His Highness healthy wealthy and longevity

In continuation of Para 3, His Highness's poor petitioner begs to state that when the petitioner was in the Mariama's Temple with one Adiuray Pillay on Sunday the 18th Septr 1910 at 8-30 A , r Sheshadri Iyengar, who had purchased from the Fakir Peer Saheb and cut off the Tamarind tree level to the ground, sent 4 Coolies with implements to have the tap-root of the same rooted out, which was objected to by the petitioner with the object of allowing the tap-root to be inspected Authorities Should the impediment have not been committed, a Saheb would [illegible] erected [illegible] 11

His Highness's

Most Obedient and Humble Servants

No.	Rank	Name	Corps -
1234	Sappr	Braminwallah	12th Co 2nd Bn Sappers
2277	Sappr	Jaggoo	12th Co 2nd Bn Sappers
2291	"	Sawlaw	14 Co 2nd Bn Sappers
2298	"	Narrainsawmy	No 13 Coy 2nd Bn Sappers
2316	"	Thomas	No 12 Coy, 2nd Battalion Sappers
2359	"	Brinawgah	13 Co 2nd Bn Sappers
2367	"	Ogli Ram	13 Co 2nd Bn Sappers
3023	L-Lr	Muniasamy	C. Coy 2nd Bn Sappers

IN THE NAME OF GOD, MOST MERCIFUL.

BANGALORE,
June, 1901.

To

P. N. Krishna Murti, Esq., C. I. E.,

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE.

MOST HONORED AND RESPECTED SIR,

WITH due profound respect, and humble submission, we the undersigned belonging to the Corps of "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners and the Pensioners, the late inhabitants of the Old Sapper Lines near the City Fort, most earnestly beg to lay our modest petition with a sanguine hope that will meet with your honor's utmost valuable consideration and success and in the meantime praying to be pardoned for our intrusion in giving your honor trouble.

I. We beg to inform your honor that our Grandfathers and parents were dwelling in the above said Old Sapper Lines from 1880 to 1890, the deceased Mr Nagasa Rao, the then City Amildar, sent for us and our parents and enquired how many years we had been residing in the above mentioned place for, we in reply answered him that from the time of our forefathers we were the inhabitants of that place and also mentioned him that the ground was given to our forefathers in the time of the late Dewan, (your honour's beloved Grand-father) :—

II. On giving this information to him, he told us that our dwelling place having been very badly required by the City Municipality to erect Mundi Bazaars called "Taragu Pet", and that a vacant piece of ground, situated just about a furlong from the Maha Rajah's Regimental Lines and the Mosque would be measured, plotted and given to us in place of our old premises for the erection of our New Buildings with a promise that he would pay only the cost of House-materials to those who were not prepared to sell their houses and grounds &c., and to the rest that were willing to dispose of their landed property, the purchase money has been paid and settled. When we were paid for the value of the House-meterials, the Late Mr Nagasa Rao promised us that instead of our Mariamman's Temple in the old place, would be built for our Ceremonial Culture on the promised ground at the cost of the City Municipality; and on his final decision we requested him to give us the promised ground accordingly plotted and measured equal to our old premises and grounds. In the year 1889 he had the vacant ground only measured setting with marking stones, but neither he plotted the ground nor granted to us for the construction of houses respectively We who were only paid for the House-Materials made several *urgees* for orders, not even one of them has been taken into consideration and replied to and a few days elapsed afterwards we called to his house in person and respectfully requested him to issue us his decisive orders to erect our new houses, which he, without complying with stated that a Municipal notice would be served on the matter and permited us for the time in subsequent to live in our old houses until further orders

III. We were in expectation of the orders for about ten years, and finding no signs of [illegible] orders as proposed, we applied for the same and in reply, he, not by the use of written orders, verbally informed us that the same promised piece of vacant ground would within a brief lengh of period, be sanctioned with a binding declaration that he would call personally and have the ground properly plotted and given to us in his presence but we were not in accordance with his [illegible] perfidious promises as yet given with any order

IV In the time of T T Leonard Esqr who was the President of the City Municipality, we received a notice from him directing us to vacate immediately our Old Houses and shift to the place where the Pindari Cherry was situated just the nearer to the Kautumuneshwar Kool in the locality of Hebbal Village—and with reference to the notice we made an application to T T. Leonard Esqr mentioning him that in the year 1899, a piece of vacant ground by the Kengeri Road, adjoining the Mahomedans' Mosque, was already promised to us by the deceased Mr. Nagasa Rao, the then City Amildar to construct our new houses on the promised ground, for this reason we informed him we would not depart from our antique place, as soon as we gave him all the particulars he enquired in the office if our statement was correct, and on his being satisfied with their deposition he gave an order to Mr Honnappah to have the plan of the promised piece of vacant ground, produced for his information, which he furnished accordingly and on his view of it, he inspected the vacant ground granted to us and declared that he would also within a short period sanction the same, but he unfortunately having proceeded to England on private affairs we have not been up to the date contemplated on the subject.

V On the 11th of September 1899, precisely at 6-P M a sudden Municipal Notice of 24 hours, was presented to us to vacate again our old houses at once and on the 12th Idem at about 6-A M one of the Municipal Overseers viz., Varadappah having appeared instantaneously with a pack of coolies and implements issued orders to them to demolish the compound walls of the premises, during which time some of our people were asleep and some were preparing Morning-food and some of our women were in the necessary houses and our poor children trembling through the fear of those coolies commenced crying and the whole of our people were also perturbed, and in the intervening time Messrs. Poottannah Chetty, the Deputy Comr, and the late Srinivasa Rao, the then Vice President of the City Municipal Comn, came to the place at about 7-A M, when our fathers, mothers, and relatives &c. were in a very sorrowful state for it happened to lose our antique property also for the sudden ill-treatment. They perceiving our state of affliction and having commisera ted finally decided that the same promised Building site would be sanctioned On his decision we removed our House materials, provisions in pots, and the sundries &c., and scattered them along the streets and on the plains, as we had no rooms to secure them We beg to say, having our old places been required urgently for the purpose, sudden orders were issued and every necessary things wanted have been entirely completed, but our promised Building site is still pending As we were unable to remove our scattered things to the promised ground we solicited them to grant Rs 50 to each owner of the houses and in compliance with our earnest request they confered on us Rs 10 respectively

VI On the 13th September 1899 the aforesaid Gentlemen ordered us to remove our articles and lay them on the respective schemed places, and permitted us to erect small huts for our convenience, and when the foundation was excavated one of the City Municipal Peons viz, Moonisawmy, prevented us from the execution of our works, warning us with caution that no houses or huts should be erected without the order of the Deputy Commissioner, and the Vice-President and accordingly we put the works to a stop, and the house-materials left on the plains were stolen and destroyed by white ants, by which we poor people have sustained great loss We, who are in the Military lines, are not permanently staying in one place, but we, giving the houses to the charge of our grand-fathers, parents and wives, are suddenly leaving the station on Fields and Foreign Commands &c and if our grand-fathers and fathers who are living on small pensions would endure such heavy losses how we could afford in this critical time to gain the same, [illegible] your honour should consider the matter

VII We further beg to inform your honor that we are the old inhabitants of the places in question for more than three fourth of a century from the time of your honor's beloved late Grand-father, The Hon Sir Purnayah, the late Dewan These our antique lands were especially granted by the British Govt only to the Pensioners of the "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners when the above Corps established its Head Quarters just opposite to the west of the City Fort, and in the time of His Highness the late Maha Rajah Krishna Rajendra Wadiar Bahadur G C S I, we were not at all disturbed In the former days as there no documents for the grounds were awarded to us we are unable to produce the same if called for

VIII Since we were removed from our former places, our Marri Amman Temple is in a state of desolution and there is not a single soul to have the lamp lit in the nights and to perform the daily ritual Homage, so we humbly pray your honor would be pleased to take this into the view if it is just As regards our old Burial Ground we beg to bring to your honor's notice that a compound wall has been built round about the same and a small door is let open and the Bramin, living adjacent to the Burial Ground, permits no one to enter into the enclosure which is also to be regarded to

IX The houses of the parties, who disobeyed the orders of the superiors are still in existence which have not been destroyed like ours and also the Mahomedans who took occupation of the old land long days after us are permitted to live in the same places and we, who have obeyed the same and demanded a piece of land in liew of the old ones are still in troubles and our affairs are up to date undicided

X We, therefore under these deplorable circumstances, most fervently crave your honor will be graciously pleased to have sympathy with us on the matter in using your honor's utmost influence by taking interest on behalf of us, (your honor's humble petitioners) to investigate our pitiable case lodged for disposal and grant us the promised vacant Building Site now demarcated especiously for our purpose Should we be fortunate in succeeding our object, we shall esteem it an extreme favour and will acknowledge the same with most gratitude and humble respect

For which act of charity, we, our poor grand-fathers, parents and families shall as in duty bound ever pray for your honor's healthy, wealthy and longevity

We beg to remain,

MOST HONORED AND RESPECTED SIR

Your Most Obedient and Dutiful Servants,

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File No. 3870.

Serial No. 2

Diary No of letter replied to 7229

No. 2864

To

The President of the

Bandobast of Mural Canal

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Mural)

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Date of issue 27.5.15

Signed by Mr Knox

Has the honor to forward for

an early report a memorial from

certain pensioners of the 2nd Queen's own

Sappers and Miners stating that

one Sahib Ram Sahib, the caretaker

of the Mariamman's temple belonging to

them in the Albert Road of Chamarajapet Extension of the Bandobast of Mural Canal

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over

SUBJECT

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Ofer in front of the said temple without
their knowledge and that he has been trying
in every possible way to exclude the said
Mariamman's temple link the grant
Compound of the Mr Markham and the
praying therefore in the event that their petition
case may perhaps be enquired into and
their claims finally settled and that
permission may also be granted to them to
erect a Compound wall around the said
temple and also a Marriage Mantapam
within the Compound.

'Rejected'

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For Secretary
Obn.

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25/7/57"

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No. 336 Office of the President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City, dated the 16th/21 June 1913.

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From

Dewan Bahadur Raja Sabha Bhushana
F. P. Puttanna Chetty Esquire,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
Bangalore City.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No. 9844/Rl.386-10 dated the 27th May 1911, forwarding for report, a memorial from certain pensioners of the 2nd Queens' Own Sappers and Miners praying for the settlement of the dispute, as regards the lands belonging to the mariamma's temple in the old Pioneercherry to the west of the new Tharagupet, Bangalore City, between themselves and the care-taker of the makan closeby, and for permission to build a compound wall around the temple as also a marriage mantapam within the compound, I have the honor to state that the memorialists were called upon to produce documents, if any, to show what extent of land was allotted for the temple originally, and when. They stated in reply that they had no documents whatever in the matter.

2. The care-taker of the makan in question was sent for and examined. He has stated that the building referred to by the memorialists is not a temple, but a mantap built by the makan people for the convenience of the Indian desciples of the Makan and for the purpose of singing hymns etc, by them, that an idol was set up in it some four or five years ago, and that the present complaint is to defame and cause loss to him etc.

3. One of the memorialists by name Narasimmasamy has deposed

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deposed that the mariamma's temple as well as the makan were built in 1830 by the Sappers and Miners who were then stationed in Bangalore, that a wall had been built in the middle to show the boundaries of the two buildings and that only stumps of the said wall now remain etc, . The care-taker of the makan has deposed that the old wall now demolished formed part of a building attached to the makan.

4. The statements of ~~the~~ both the memorialists and the care-taker of the makan are thus contradictory and unreliable In the absence of any documentary evidence to show the actual extent of land that may be claimed by the memorialists as belonging to the temple, any settlement of the dispute between the two parties is not possible. The case seems to be rather of a civil nature and does not admit of settlement in this office

5. The memorial received with the docket under reply is herewith returned

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Honorary President

Endorsement to petitioners that there is a dispute of a civil nature — Bangalore City

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B No 829 ml 386-10-9 2/-

GOVERNMENT OF H. H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

8078 (ML)

Office Memorandum.

To

the 19-7-1913.

With reference to their memorial praying for the settlement of the dispute between themselves & the Caretaker of the adjacent mosque, about the possession of lands alleged to belong belonging to the Manavalan temple in the old Pensioners Bangalore City, Manickam, Munisamy and certain other pensioners of the 2nd Queen's own Sappers and Miners are informed that Govt find on a perusal of the records received from the President, and Council, Bangalore City,

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... complaint is of a civil nature..
that they can not interfere in the matter.

By Order

For Secy

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15.7.13

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Copy of the above is forwarded to the President Md Council Bangalore city with reference to his letter no. 336 dated the 15 June 1913

By Order

For Secy

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28/6/13

forwards to the Residency for communication
an endorsement to the petitioners of the 2nd

G R S 26] Queens Sappers & Miners. File No. 386/10

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To The First Assistant
to the Hon'ble the
Resident in Mysore

Date of issue 19.7.13.

Signed by Asst. R. Srinivasa

Sir,

With reference
to your letter No. 2957
dated the 6th May 1911
forwarding for disposal
a memorial from
certain pensioners of
the 2nd Queen's own

over

SUBJECT

Sappers and miners about
a dispute in respect of
certain lands belonging
to the Mariamma's temple
in the old Pioneer Cherry,
Bangalore city, I am
directed to forward
herewith an endorsement (Encl)
addressed to them in
the matter for favour of
directing its delivery to
the petitioners concerned

I have &c

for Secy 15/7/13

Dated 1917

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7. July 1913

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